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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Development and Engineering
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Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center
Director of Special Projects
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SUBJECT: Computer Security Policy and Activities

1. Over the last several years, the Directorate of Science and Technology (DS&T) has made increased use of ADP systems to support a large variety of computer-based activities. In keeping with the DS&T ADP Strategic Plan, internal electronic mail and document distribution systems will be expanded to allow a wider ranger of interconnects among the DS&T population. We are also planning to increase connections to Agency corporate computers and possibly create future linkages between DS&T contractors and their COTR counterparts.

2. These extended linkages have raised considerable concern within the DS&T as well as among the Information Systems Board (ISB) members. Issues concerning the design, performance, safeguards, and guarantees that the linkages do not compromise our present security baseline are yet to be resolved.

3. In order to maintain (1) a clear line of authority and (2) inter-Directorate coordination, the following guidelines are in effect:

   a. Contractors and additional corporate connections will not be allowed without explicit DDS&T approval and concurrence by the DDA. Formal procedures for this process are to be established and reviewed by the ISB.

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      b. An ad-hoc Computer Security Oversight Panel (CSOP) is established with senior representatives of the DS&T, Office of Security (OS) and Office of Information Technology (OIT). The CSOP will: (1) coordinate and review activities; (2) provide advice and guidance to the Deputy Directors and the ISB on all aspects of the expansion of the DS&T ADP network; and (3) be the official interface for information concerning these activities.

      c. The CSOP will provide periodic status reports to the Deputy Directors for Administration and Science and Technology, the ISB and the existing Agency Computer Security Policy Panels.

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